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## Fireworks show set for New Year's Eve

Residents can enjoy a free New Year's Eve fireworks celebration on the riverfront, Wednesday, December 31. The cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento, along with the Old Sacramento Management and Sacramento Convention & Visitors Bureau, will present the fourth annual New Year's Eve Sky Concerts, featuring two fireworks shows, the first beginning at 9 p.m. and the other at midnight.

The best vantage points are West Sacramento's River Walk Park and the Old Sacramento Boardwalk and Promenade. Listen to "The Eagle" (96.9 FM) for music synchronized to both fireworks shows.

Pre-pay parking for the event is available in city lots in Old Sacramento, Downtown Plaza West, and Raley Field lots in West Sacramento. For more information about the New Year's Eve Sky Concerts, call 264-7777.

## $10,000 grant from Cameron Foundation helps 'Meals on Wheels'

The Board of Directors of the Elderly Nutrition Program/ Meals on Wheels Program recently announced a donation of $10,000 from the Cameron Foundation to help feed senior citizens in West Sacramento.

"This grant came at a time when the program was experiencing a $20,000 budget shortfall," said Jolaine Beers, Board Chairperson. "We were in the process of making some very tough decisions about service cuts agencywide and the Cameron Foundation's generous donation is truly appreciated."

The grant is designed for food purchases only and will help to serve almost 5,000 meals. Last year the program served over 10,000 meals to over 1,500 seniors county wide in the communities of West Sacramento, Woodland, Davis, Esparto, Winters and Knights Landing. West Sacramento is the programs second largest service area, serving over 449 seniors last year.

For more information how to donate funds or volunteer your time to help the Meals on Wheels program, call 530-662-7035.

## Wishes come true

**Special to the News-Ledger**

Last weekend, for the ninth consecutive year, the Rotary Club of West Sacramento collected holiday gifts for our local seniors through their annual Senior Holiday Gift Project.

Shoppers at the local Raley's Supermarket selected tags with the name and "wish list" of senior citizens on them. After purchasing the items, they returned them to the Rotary Club booth where members and their families wrapped and prepared them for Christmas. All told, Raley's shoppers purchased over 150 gifts this year.

"It never fails to amaze me how citizens of West Sacramento pitch in to help make sure our lonely and homebound seniors have a gift to cheer them during the holidays," said Dr. Charyl Silva, a West Sacramento Chiropractor and Rotary's chairperson for the program. "Raley's is very generous to allow us to operate inside their store and the results have been phenomenal."

The Rotary Club of West Sacramento meets every Friday at 12:15 p.m. at the Club Pheasant Restaurant. Those who are interested are invited to join them for lunch.

More details about Rotary and its many projects and services can be found on the club's website at www.westsacramentorotary.org.

Rotarian Dennis Clark displays his gift-wrapping skills on a present headed to a West Sacramento senior citizen

RIGHT: Rotary Club Member Herb Grabell, with his Santa hat, talks about the senior gift program with a Raley's shopper

## New firehouse

The Sugar Mill company of Clarksburg has donated 1.25 acres of land to the volunteer fire department of Clarksburg. The site will be used to build a new Clarksburg firehouse on Willow Avenue, with groundbreaking expected next year and completion in 2004. The new firehouse will relieve the overcrowded facility currently used by Clarksburg firefighters.

Above are the Sugar Mill's John M. Carvalho, Jr., with fire commissioners Joe Borges, Dan Serpa, Richard Marshall and Don Fenocchio, Yolo Supervisor Mike McGowan, commissioner Mike Dutra and Fire Chief Craig Hamblin.

## Regional work

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) recently presented Special Recognition honors to the cities of West Sacramento and Sacramento for their collaboration in developing the 2003 Riverfront Master Plan, the blueprint for future riverfront development.

Pictured (L to R) are Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo, West Sacramento Council Member William Kristoff, Sacramento County Supervisor Muriel Johnson, and West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon.

## Honorees

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) held its annual awards ceremony on Thursday.

"Elected Officials of the Year" awards went to Rep. John Doolittle and Rep. Robert Matsui for work in flood control, water supply and transportation funding.

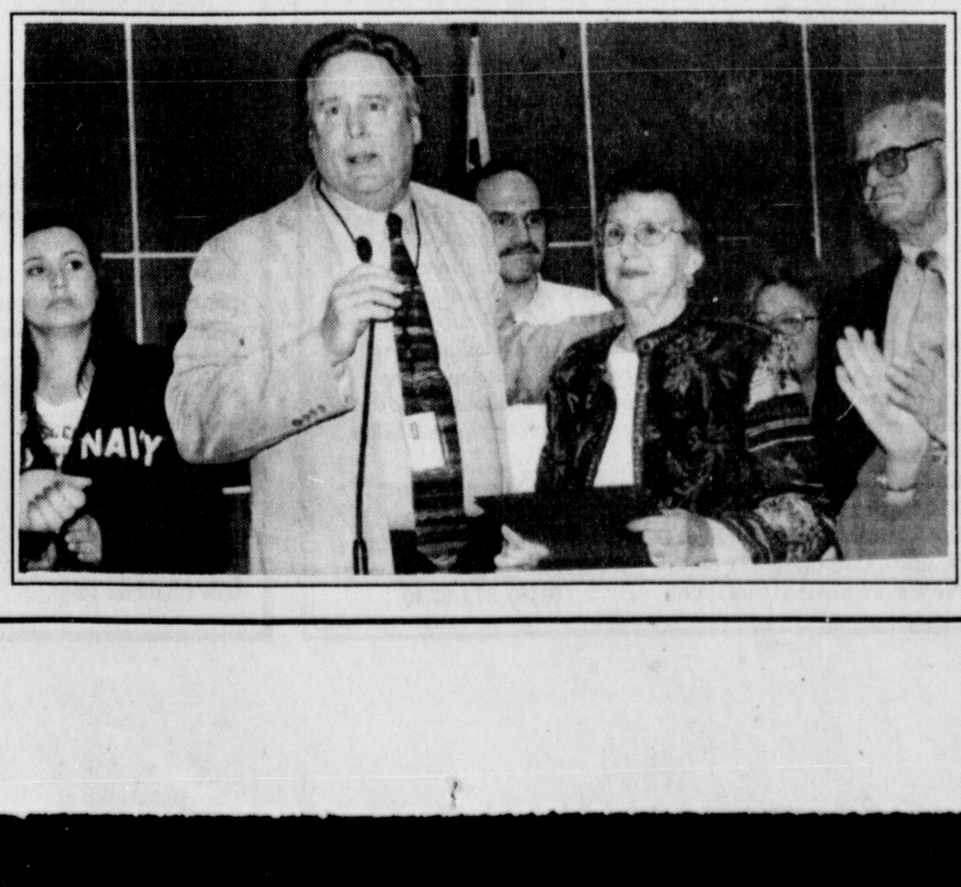
Terry Bassett, executive director of Yolo County Transit District, named "Regional Employee of the Year.

Sacramento and West Sacramento were honored for cooperating on riverfront planning.

The West Sacramento City Council recently presented a proclamation to Roberta Kitchell, whose son, U.S. Army Master Sergeant (Retired) William F. Carlson was killed in Afghanistan on October 25th while participating in an anti-terrorist mission.

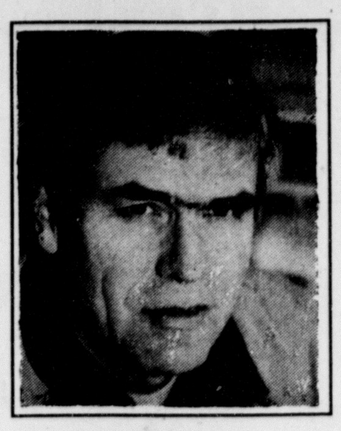
Mrs. Kitchell and her husband, Ralph, are the owner/operators of the K.O.A. Campground in West Sacramento.

Pictured are Council Member William Kristoff (with microphone) surrounded by members of the Carlson and Kitchell families. Holding the proclamation is Mrs. Kitchell.



# Christmas was different during the Depression

*Note: Daryl is taking Christmas week off. Below is one of his favorite holiday season columns from the past.*



My Back Pages

By Daryl Fisher

My parents dropped by the other night for a little visit and for some reason or another, somewhere along the line, the conversation turned to the subject of lazy kids; more specifically, *my* lazy kids.

"I always have to remind them to do their chores," I explained to my parents, "and even when I do, the odds are only about one in ten that the work will actually get done."

"What kind of chores do you have them do?" asked my father.

"Simple stuff," I said. "You know, like clean up their rooms, unload the dishwasher, pull a few weeds, maybe rake some leaves or do a little vacuuming. But they've all figured out that they can do those kinds of things the next day, or the next week, so they usually take their sweet time getting around to them. I guess I should really stay on top of them, but yelling at your kids gets kind of old after awhile."

"Chores were quite a bit different back when I was young," explained my father. "You didn't have much in the way of choice. If the cows needed milking, or the chickens and pigs needed feeding, or if the garden needed looking after, then you had better get out and do what you were supposed to, because those animals and those vegetables were the difference between having food on the table and going without."

As our conversation continued, I began to wish my children hadn't all scattered in different directions earlier in the evening (one was at night school, another was off somewhere with his girlfriend, and the other two were next door playing video games), because when one takes the time to listen carefully, my parents, like most Americans who came of age in the 1930s, have a lot of important information to pass along.

My mom and dad grew up in the middle of the Great Depression in a place called Ava, Missouri, in a small farming community where money was scarce and the highlight of the week was riding a horse-drawn wagon into town to purchase a half-dozen loaves of store bought bread for twenty-five cents.

"No one had much money back then," explained my mother, "and Granny (her mother) made just about everything we ate from scratch at home. She made cornbread, biscuits and homemade yeast bread, and when she put together a salad, it usually had poke greens and dandelions in it that she had gathered up from the pasture. She made all of our butter, cheese, cottage cheese and buttermilk, and every year, she canned everything she grew in the garden, including tomatoes, beans, and corn. She also canned all the fruit she could get her hands on, especially peaches and pears. All together, there'd be about 300 different canned goods under her bed at any one given time, and we ate those along with the chickens and rabbits she raised. Dad usually butchered a pig or two every year, and along with potatoes and lots and lots of beans, that pretty much made up our diet. Only rarely would we buy something from the store, and then it was usually more of a treat than something we really needed. I can still remember my father taking us all into town once a year to buy fifteen cents of fresh liver, which would feed the whole family, and how much everyone looked forward to that liver dinner."

"Those were definitely hard times back then," said my father, "and if a family didn't stick together and share all the work, it wouldn't be long before you were in big trouble."

"What did people do for fun?" I asked them.

"Well, the holidays were always special," said my mother, "and everyone would dress up as best they could and find ways to entertain themselves."

"On Halloween," said my father with a smile, "me and my friends would usually get together and let the cows out of their pastures, knock over everyone's outhouses, and throw the rotten eggs we had saved up all year at each other. And believe it or not, that was considered to be having a really good time back then."

"Most of my memories from the Great Depression are actually very good ones," said my mother, "with the possible exception of the clothes I had to wear. For years, I had just two dresses, one that was orange and one that was green. My mother had made them out of old cotton feed sacks, and when I wore them to school every other day, the town kids would really make fun of me. But other than that, we had each other and we had our health and we were actually pretty well off compared to so many others. My parents always made sure there was enough to eat, and a lot of people back then weren't that lucky."

Then my mother said something I wish all my kids had been there to hear.

"Christmas was my favorite holiday," said my mother, "and although every once in awhile mom and dad would have enough money to give us all a store bought gift, most years we each got a banana, apple, and orange for Christmas."

"You got fruit for your Christmas present?" I asked in disbelief.

"Fruit was very hard to come by in that part of the country back then," explained my father, "especially bananas and oranges."

As I sat there and tried to picture the looks on my kids faces if they were to tear into their Christmas presents this year only to find oranges, apples and bananas, my wife seemed to sense what I was thinking and quickly said, "Daryl, we are not getting the children fruit for Christmas!"

"But maybe that would actually get their attention," I suggested. "And best of all, we could do all of our Christmas shopping at just one place -- the grocery store."

## Quilting —

**By Darlene Webber**

Lena Brigner (right) was tickled purple when she received a call from Jean Sawitzky (left), the president of the Delta Piecemakers Quilt Guild, informing her she had won the 1st Annual Opportunity Quilt drawing.

"I thought she was kidding when she told me that I'd really won," said Lena.

The queen-size "Delicious Delta Pears" quilt is pieced in a Log Cabin barn-raising motif.

Members of the newly-founded quilt guild have made and donated nearly 50 baby crib and lap-size quilts to the Cal-SAFE Infant Care and Child Development Education Program in West Sacramento, and to St. John's Shelter for Women and Children, Florin Healthcare and Pioneer House in Sacramento.

For more information on the Delta Piecemakers Quilt Guild, call 916-744-1193.

## *New at the library* ——

**From Elise McCallan**

The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

"The Habit: A History of the Clothing of Catholic Nuns" by Elizabeth Kuhns.

"Pacific Alamo: The Battle for Wake Island" by John Wukovits.

"Teens Under the Influence: The Truth About Kids, Alcohol, and Other Drugs - How to Recognize the Problem and What to Do About It" by Katherine Ketcham and Nicholas A. Pace, M.D.

"The Doctors' Plague: Germs, Childbed Fever, and the Strange Story of Ignac Semmelweis" by Sherwin b. Nuland.

"Courtesans: Money, Sex and Fame in the Nineteenth Century" by Katie Hickman.

The library will be closed Christmas Day and will closed at 5:00 pm on Christmas Eve. Call 375-6465 for information.

## *In uniform* ——

**Navy Seaman Recruit Sam B. Hasson** of West Sacramento recently graduated from the Basic Enlisted Submarine Course at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, Conn.

During the six-week course, Hasson learned about the construction and operation of nuclear-powered submarines and also studied shipboard organization, damage control, and submarine safety and escape procedures.

Hasson is a 2003 graduate of River City High School and joined the Navy in July, 2003.

## Obituary

**Norma Martin**

Norma Martin passed away in Sacramento at the age of 75 on December 21, 2003. She was the beloved wife of the late Almer (Tom) Martin, Sr.; the loving mother of Patricia (Lawrence) Flint, Daniel Martin, and Almer "Tommy" (Janice) Martin, Jr.; the dear sister of Irene Williams, Veronica Grove, and Delores Tippett; the devoted grandmother of Staci, Kevin, Matthew, Cory, Benjamin, Sarah, and Lailani; and the great grandmother of four. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and was preceded in death by her daughters, Kathryn and Phyllis.

Mrs. Martin was a 54-year resident of West Sacramento. At her request, no services will be held. Private interment will be at East Lawn Memorial Park in Sacramento. Memorials preferred to your charity of choice. Arrangements were handled by River Cities Funeral Chapel of West Sacramento.

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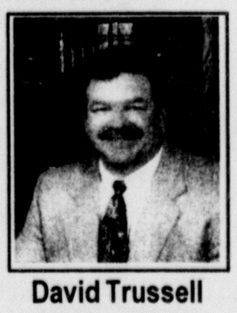

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David Trussell

Answer: Yes, Maybe and No? This may sound a little confusing, but we have talked before about how critical your credit scores are when searching for a home loan, and how important your "attributes" are when applying for a loan; so it is not unreasonable to expect (regrettably) that the lower your credit scores are the less assortment of loans you qualify for. If however a sub prime loan is all there is for you, there may be a few things you can do. First of all ask your loan officer to "BUY" out the prepayment penalty clause. Most sub prime lenders have this capability nowadays. This may increase your interest rate and/or add discount points, but you won't have a prepayment penalty. Buying out the prepayment penalty sounds good on the surface, especially if you plan on selling the home in a year or so; or if things on your credit report are coming off or just need a few more months for some lates to comes off, although for the most part buying out the prepayment penalty clause has to be further examined. Increasing your credit scores takes time and extreme patience. If your scores are low, it may take a few years before your scores are at where they need to be to qualify for a better rate. Yes there are agencies and companies that can "fix" your credit and even adjust your credit scores, but they too take time, a lot of documentation and a fee. Every loan is different, every credit score is different, and everybody's needs are different. So before you step into the sub prime loan arena, talk to a ***Mortgage Consultant professional*** who can assist you with making that important financial step.

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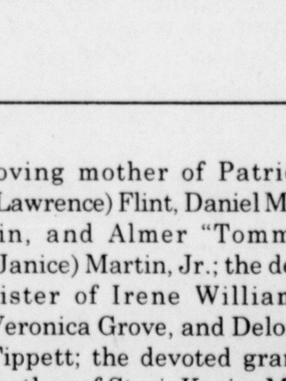

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'ACROSS THE BRIDGE':

# Events around the region

**SCC presents play**

City Theatre at Sacramento City College will present *Walls*, by Bay Area playwright Jeannie Barroga from January 16-31. The play dramatizes the creation and controversy of the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial. For performance times and ticket information call 558-2228.

Art Court Theatre at SCC is located at 3835 Freeport Boulevard in Sacramento.

**The dream goes on**

"And the Dream Goes On" will be presented at the CSUS University Theatre from Jan 9-18. Experience a truly unique, exciting theatrical production with rousing music, dance, and poetic words. For ticket information, call 916-557-1999, or go to the CSUS University Theatre box office located at Shasta Hall, 6000 J Street in Sacramento.

**Wildlife refuge open**

The Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, located off Elk Grove Boulevard, will be open December 13th and 27th for self-guided hikes to the wildlife viewing platform, where you'll see birds of prey hunting in the seasonal wetlands. Bring binoculars and sturdy shoes. For more information, call 775-4420.

**Folsom history exhibit**

The Folsom History Museum newest exhibit, "Main Street USA; Shopkeepers from the Past", will be on display through February 22, 2003. The museum is located at 823 Sutter Street and is open Wed-Sun from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $2.

**Alzheimer's society meets**

The Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California Support Group for the Memory Impaired will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in December at 10:30 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Aid Society Office, 2641 Cottage Way, Suite #4 in Sacramento. For more information on other related groups and meetings, call 448-7001.

**Widowed persons meet**

The Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support get-togethers each Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the Widowed Persons Association office, located at 2628 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-18.

Activities include bowling, brown bag opera, needle and thread, breakfasts, dinners, golf, card games, dancing and traveling. For more information, call 972-9722.

## Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: In what city would you find the Marco Polo international airport?
2. GAMES: Bobby Fischer was best known for his skill at what game?
3. MOVIES: Who won the Best Actress award for her lead role in "Fargo"?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What animal's name means "river horse" in Greek?
5. TELEVISION: What was the first name of the city-dweller who bought a farm on "Green Acres"?
6. HISTORY: When did the "Mayflower" set sail for America?
7. WEATHER: The Satfir-Simpson Scale measures the intensity of what natural event?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does the boy on the Cracker Jack box wear?
9. PRESIDENTS: What was the home state of President Martin Van Buren?
10. MUSIC: In what year did the Rolling Stones release the album "Let It Bleed"?

**Answers**

1. Venice
2. Chess
3. Frances McDormand
4. Hippopotamus
5. Oliver
6. 1620
7. Hurricanes
8. A sailor suit
9. New York
10. 1969

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**It is a profitable thing, if one is wise, to seem foolish.**

**—Aeschylus**

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# Book bargains

A book sale sponsored by the East Yolo Friends of the Library will be held on Saturday January 17 and Sunday January 18, 2004. The sale will be held in the Community Room of the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento.

Saturday hours are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Sunday hours are 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Donations of clean, gently-used books are accepted year-round at the library during business hours. Magazines and audio/visual materials are also accepted. Proceeds from the sale help to pay for library programs and materials.

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## Sports QUIZ by Chris Richcreek

1. Who holds the major-league record for longest home winning streak to start a season?
2. When was the last season that no Seattle Mariners won a Gold Glove?
3. Who was the first Division I-A college football player to rush for more than 400 yards in a game?
4. How many times did Michael Jordan lead the NBA in scoring for a season?
5. What team set a record in last season's NHL playoffs for fewest goals in a four-game series?
6. When Tony Stewart won the Winston Cup points championship in 2002, what position in the standings was he in at the end of July?
7. True or false: The donor of tennis' Davis Cup at one time played for the U.S. team.

Answers on back page

# SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

**NFL Action**

A funny thing happen to the 49ers (7-8) last Sunday in Philadelphia. They won!

The Niners finally put together a great game on both sides of the football and upset the playoff-bound Eagles. Safety Tony Parrish intercepted a Donovan McNabb pass in overtime and the 49ers actually kicked a field goal to win 31-28 to snap their nine-game road-losing streak. It's been a long season for the 49ers, who have beaten the Rams, Eagles, Bucs, but have lost on the road to the Cardinals, Bengals, Ravens and the Seahawks.

The Oakland Raiders (4-11), on the other hand, continued to slide to the bottom of the NFL standings and closer to the No. 1 pick in next year's draft. The Green Bay Packers and Brett Favre put a 41-7 pounding on the Silver and Black on Monday night to set up the Toilet Bowl next Sunday in San Diego. The Chargers (3-12) and Raiders will be playing for the worst record in the NFL this season. Even the Houston Texans, who are the NFL's newest franchise, won 5 games this year!

As the final week of the regular NFL season approaches the 49ers and Raiders will have some huge personnel questions to address for next season. The 49ers will probably sign linebacker, Julian Peterson and tag Terrell Owens with the franchise label in an effort to sign or trade T.O. The Niners also will have to decide if they want to keep both Garrison Hearst and Kevan Barlow at running back and if quarterback, Jeff Garcia, is worth the large bonus he's due next year! The 49ers finish up the season at home on Saturday (2 p.m.-FOX) against the wild card seeking Seahawks.

The Raiders' fall from grace this season was due to many injuries and bad team chemistry but the hard fact is the team in getting old. Jerry Rice and Tim Brown caught only two touchdowns apiece this season and looked awful at times running pass patterns. It will be interesting to see if the Raiders let Rice return for his 19th season. I hope he takes a pay cut and returns to the 49ers! The Raiders must also address the quarterback situation for next year. Do you bring back Rich Gannon or make a trade for someone like Kurt Warner of the Rams? They definitely need to draft a young quarterback to develop for the future. Did I forget to mention their defensive unit needs a complete overhaul?

The 2004 playoffs are set with the Broncos, Titans, Patriots, Colts and Chiefs in the AFC while the Rams, Eagles, Panthers and Cowboys will represent the NFC. Yes, the Cowboys are in and can actually win the East with a win in New Orleans and a loss by the Eagles at Washington. Two other spots will go to the winners of the NFC and AFC North Divisions. Green Bay or Minnesota in the NFC and either Baltimore or Cincinnati in the AFC. The last spot in the NFC will go to the wild-card team – either Seattle or Green Bay.

**Kings Korner**

The Sacramento Kings (19-6) still trail the mighty Lakers by one game but the fun is just getting started. Vlade Divac thrilled the Arco Arena crowd on Sunday night with his 26 points while leading the Kings to a 117-98 win over the troubled TrailBlazers. Peja Stojakovic, who continues to school his opponents, scored a game high 29 points including five three pointers while Brad Miller chipped in another 18 points and 14 rebounds as the Kings shot 54 percent from the floor.

The Kings roster is in good shape but there still is no date set for the return of Chris Webber. The All-Star forward is still rebuilding is injured left knee and probably won't return to action until late January or early February. The Lakers' 40-year-old forward, Karl Malone, will miss at least three games with a sprained ligament in his right knee but the Lakers (20-5) and Kings won't play each other until January 16th at the Arco Arena.

The Kings will ho
st Memphis on Tuesday night but the game of the week will be on Christmas Day (3 p.m.-ch.10) against the Dallas Mavericks.

See ya next year - enjoy your Holidays and Merry Christmas to all.


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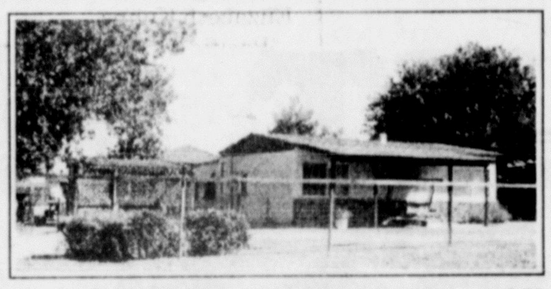

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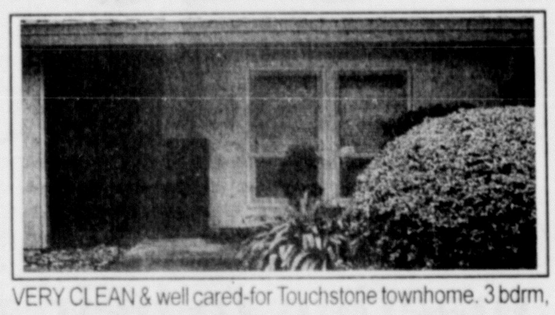

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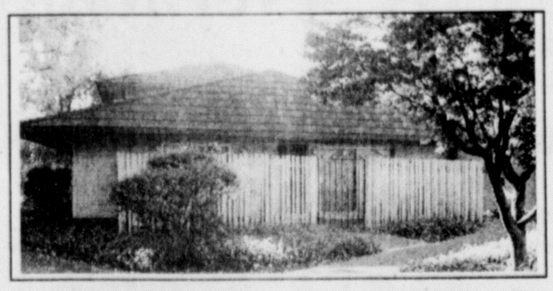

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## Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• France's King Louis XIV saw his bride for the first time on their wedding day.

• It was the great swashbuckling actor Errol Flynn who observed, "It isn't what they say about you, it's what they whisper."

• Many people complain that photos in magazines today don't truly represent the models being shown — that the pictures have been "doctored" to cover up anything unflattering. That's not a new development, though; the photographs taken of Abraham Lincoln for his presidential campaign were airbrushed.

• In 1930, Sinclair Lewis became the first American to win the Nobel Prize for Literature, for the novel "Main Street." The first person to tell him the news was a newspaper reporter in Sweden, who telephoned Lewis to get his comments. Lewis didn't believe him, though; he thought the call was a joke — he even began imitating the man's accent during the conversation.

• How would you like to be named "Ashes," "Mourning," "Tribulation," "More Trial" or "Wrestling"? Those were all names given to children by their Puritan parents.

• In Johannesburg, South Africa, a window dresser died on the job and fell face-down on the bed he was arranging. For three days, however, nobody noticed — the shoppers thought he was a mannequin. The truth was discovered when someone passing by the window complained, saying the display was in poor taste.

• In the Bible, land is often measured in square rods, but hardly anybody today has a clue about how much area that actually covers. Here's the scoop: One square rod is equal to 30.25 square yards.

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**Thought for the Day:** "The main trouble is there are too many people who don't know where they're going and they want to get there too fast." — *Robert E. Sherwood*

## News-Ledger Directory *of* Local Places *of* Worship

**Anna Street Baptist Church**
Rev. Norman Pollitt, 371-6560
1400 Anna St., W. Sac.
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11am
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**Seventh Day Adventist Church**
H. Eugene Miller, Pastor, 334-9315
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PO Box 447, W. Sac. 95691
Sat. Sabbath School 9:30am
Worship 11am
372-6570

**First Baptist Church**
Gary Clements, Pastor
1511 Delaware Ave., 371-4061
Morning Wrshp/Sun Schl 9:45am
Adult choir 4:45pm
Child. Choir 5pm/Prayer Grp 6pm
Jr./Sr. High Youth Grp 6:30pm
Tues. Nite Bible Study 7pm
Wed. Nite Akawana (K-6) 6:30
Thurs. Nite Quilting 7pm

**Trinity Presbyterian Church**
1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac.
Rev. Steve Whitney
(916) 371-5875
Service: Sunday at 10 a.m. including children's programs

**Holy Cross Catholic Church**
1321 Anna St. near Todhunter
371-1211
Rev. Chad Puthoff, SDS
Sat. Vigil 5pm (English)
Sun. 9 (English)
Noon & 7pm (Spanish)
Mon. 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am,
Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish)
Fri. 8:30am

**First Southern Baptist Church**
Sun. School 9:30am
Sun. Worship 11am, 6:30pm
Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
2124 Michigan Blvd.
371-2111

**Southport Community Church**
James Allerton, Pastor
2568 Industrial Blvd.
10:30 a.m.
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372-7818

**Westside Covenant Church**
371-3933
Meeting Sunday at 10 a.m. at Westfield Village Elementary School
508 Poplar Ave.
West Sacramento

**Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church**
911 Park Blvd., 371-4814
Father James B. Walsh, Pastor
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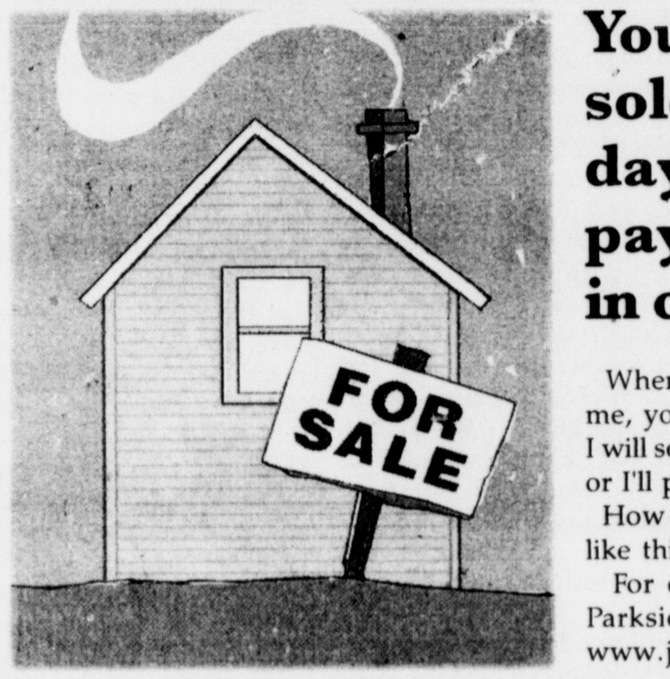


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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed Dec. 18, 2003**
**File No. 2003-1167**

The following person is doing business as One Step Enterprises, 2968 Shasta Way, West Sacramento CA 95691:

Eric Bisellach, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 18, 2003.

/s/Eric Bisellach

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

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Date: Dec. 18, 2003
by: /s/Cruz Nevarez-Ortiz, Deputy Clerk

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed Dec 12, 2003**
**File No. 2003-1137**

The following person is doing business as El Rincon de Michoacan, 900 Jefferson Blvd #130, W. Sac. CA 95691

Maribell Macias, 876 Rancho Roble Way, Sacramento CA 95834.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/01/03.

/s/Maribell Macias

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Date: Dec. 12, 2003
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed Dec. 16, 2003**
**File No. 2003-1159**

The following person is doing business as Boulevard Interiors, 2935 Ramco Street, Suite 20, West Sacramento CA 95691:

Brenda Crum, same address.

This business is conducted by an Invididual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on n/a.

/s/Brenda Crum

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Date: Dec. 16, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed Dec. 19, 2003**
**File No. 2003-1170**

The following person is doing business as All Seasons Limousine, 2435 West Capitol Ave. #B, West Sacramento CA 95691:

Terresa R. Simmons, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/1903.

/s/Terresa R. Simmons

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE STATE OF YOLO**
**In the Matter of LESARA SUSANA LAVALLE CARLOS LAVALLE,**
Minor
NO: JV-02-0106, JV-02-0105
CITATION

TO: Jimmy Lavalle and all Persons claiming to be the father of the above named minor:

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on March 10, 2004 at 10:30 A.M. in Department 4. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor born to Christina Ramirez on 12/6/2000. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 12/19/03
/s/Donna M. Petre
Judge of the Juvenile Court

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. ARCH-03-01203-HE Loan No. 0320199375 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/26/2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: CHALON GREEN, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Duly Appointed Trustee: 3 ARCH TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC. Recorded 4/1/2003 as Instrument No. 2003-0017735-00 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, Date of Sale:1/13/2004 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: AT THE REAR (NORTH) ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 1110 WEST CAPITAL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: $292,978.75 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 3266 ARUBA ST WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 A.P.N.: 045-600-14-1 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Date: 12/20/2003 3 ARCH TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC. 19732 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 100 Irvine, California 92612 (949) 474-4505 Sale Line: (916) 387-7728 Eileen Cudiamat, Senior Trustee Sale Officer ASAP569549 12/24, 12/31, 01/07

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**INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd floor, West Sacramento, California until **10:00 a.m. local time on Thursday, January 22, 2004** for the:

**Park Boulevard, Alabama Avenue & West Capitol Avenue Sanitary Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project**

The proposed work consists of the following:

**Description of Work:** The work consists of the rehabilitation of sanitary sewer main by the installation of a pipe liner into the exiting gravity sewer line, internally reinstating lateral services, checking service lateral connections at main for leaks, and lining sanitary sewer manholes. The work shall also include pre-cleaning, video inspection, and evaluation of sanitary sewer main and service laterals; installation of a sanitary sewer manhole and flushing inlets; grinding protruding lateral connections; possible spot repairs along sanitary sewer main; possible sealing sanitary sewer lateral connections at the main and lining of service laterals; possible sealing of sanitary sewer manholes; and all related components necessary to complete the work as shown on the Contract plans and/or specified herein.

In addition, the work shall also include the replacement of any pavement, sidewalk, curb and gutter or public and private improvements removed or damaged as a consequence of the execution of this Contract, as well as, all necessary traffic control.

First order of work shall be all work identified on sheets 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Contract Plans and specified herein regarding Park Boulevard. The work, to be completed within twenty-five (25) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed, consists of the placement of a folded and formed polyvinyl chloride (PVC) liner into the exiting gravity sewer line, sealing sanitary sewer lateral connections at the main, internally reinstating lateral services, and sealing sanitary sewer manholes. The work shall also include pre-cleaning and video inspection of sanitary sewer main; installation of a sanitary sewer manhole and flushing inlet; possible spot repairs along sanitary sewer main and all related components necessary to complete the work as shown on the Contract plans and/or specified herein.

**Completion of Work:** All work shall be completed within **sixty-five (65)** working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed. First order of work shall be all work identified on sheets 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Contract Plans and specified herein regarding Park Boulevard. All first order of work as identified on the Contract plans and/or specified herein shall be completed within twenty-five (25) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.

**Obtaining Contract Documents:** Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, California. A copy of bid documents may be obtained at the office upon request and payment of $25.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of $30.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable.

**Submission of Proposals:** All proposals must be submitted not later than the time prescribed. The bidder is wholly responsible to see that his bid is submitted at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be made on the official proposal forms furnished with the contract documents.

Attention is directed to the provisions of the Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 which makes it a misdemeanor for any person without a valid contractors license (with specific exceptions) to submit a bid to act as a Contractor to a public agency.

**Proposal Guarantee:** Each proposal must be accompanied by cash, a cashier's check, certified check or bid bond, executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten (10) percent of the total bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento.

Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 4590, securities may be substituted for any monies which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance.

**Construction License:** The successful bidder must possess a current **Class "A" General Engineering or a Class "C-34" Pipeline** Contractor's License issued by the State of California.

**Award:** The award shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder whose proposal complies with the specified requirements. The award of Contract will be made by the Director of Community Development, and the Contractor shall execute the Contract within ten (10) days after he has received the Contract from the City.

The City reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

**Rejection of Bids:** The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Any bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract documents may be rejected. The City reserves the right to make all awards in the best interest of the City.

**Disqualification of Bidder:** If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the City may likewise elect to reject all bids received.

**Relief of Bidder:** Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code Section 5101 and following, concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his bid, the bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.

**Wage Rates:** Bidders are hereby notified that the California Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the work.

It shall be mandatory for the Contractor and any subcontractor under him to pay not less than the said specified rates to laborers and workmen employed by them in the execution of the Contract.

**Bonds:** The successful bidder will be required to furnish a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price.

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**ORDINANCE SUMMARY**

At their regular meeting on December 17, 2003, the West Sacramento City Council adopted, by the vote noted below, Ordinance 03-22 adding Chapter 12.43 and amending Chapter 17.47 of the West Sacramento Municipal Code relating to a childcare development fee and alternatives. The ordinance becomes effective thirty (30) days after adoption, January 16, 2004.

AYES: Pierson, Villegas, Cabaldon
NOES: Kristoff, Montemayor
ABSENT: None

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**NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

**Notice** is hereby given that sealed bids will be received on January 22, 2004 by 2:00pm at the office of PMA, Inc., for the East Commerce Way Landscape Medians Quadrant A & B project in Sacramento, CA.

**Plans**: Are available beginning December 22, 2003 at the office of PMA, Inc., for a non-refundable deposit of $100.00 per set of plans & specifications. Make check payable to PMA, Inc.

**Scope of Work:** Includes clearing and grubbing the median islands of all existing landscape materials, installation of 2, 2" irrigation services with backflow devices, abandonment of 1 existing 2" irrigation service, minor grading and landscape improvements for the median islands located on East Commerce Way between Del Paso Road and Arena Boulevard and 1 year of maintenance following acceptance of the improvements.

**Specifications:** All work shall conform to the requirements set forth in the current edition of the City of Sacramento Standard Specifications

**Bonds:** Bid bonds, Performance bonds and Payment bonds will be required for the project.

**Prevailing Wages:** Contractors performing work on this project must pay prevailing wages and submit certified payrolls.

**License Requirements:** Contractors submitting bids for this work must posses a Class C-27 Contractor's License.

**Questions:** Contact John Rutherford, PMA, Inc., at (916) 375-0200. PMA address is 1550 Harbor Blvd., Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

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**NOTICE TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the South Linden Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map located south of Linden Road at the end of Mojave Drive and Shasta Way. This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of subdividing 17.28 acres into 100 single-family lots and a 1.5-acre park site. The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone 916/617-4645).

Any affected or interested parties may appear at the January 15, 2004, Planning Commission meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on January 15, 2004, in the City Council Chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA, 95691 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

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## Books

**Are You Smarter Than You Think?**
Claire Gordon
Penguin Books, 2003, $20
**The Amazing 1000 Puzzle Challenge**
General Editor: Robert Allen
Firefly Books, 2003, $22.95
*Reviewed by Ealish Waddell*

They say that the average person only uses about 10 percent of his or her brain's potential. Who among us wouldn't want to increase that figure? Well, these two books may not make you smarter, but they will help you learn more about your mind's capabilities—and have a little fun while you're at it.

In "Are You Smarter Than You Think?" author Claire Gordon explains that intelligence means more than just smarts; it also refers to various ways of thinking. Short multiple-choice tests help determine whether your own strengths lie in conceptual, emotional, physical, or creative thinking methods. The book then offers exercises and games to help you access and enhance your mind's capabilities. These quick quizzes are more geared toward fun than hard science; you'll explore everything about yourself from "Are you a good leader?" to "Have you got rhythm?" This is a fun little book that simply, pleasantly and painlessly helps you learn more about your brain and how to better use it.

For added brain power, though, there's nothing like exercise. "The Amazing 1000 Puzzle Challenge" is one great workout for the old noodle. This huge collection offers a ton of pencil puzzles, brainteasers, logic problems and mindbenders of various levels of complexity. The volume's cover claims that these puzzles are designed "for all the family," but most of these fellas are pretty darn tricky. As a bonus, the book is a feast for the aesthetic part of the brain, with each page presented in full color, interspersed with art and photographs, and printed on nice, thick paper stock — a pleasing change from most puzzle magazines. These pages offer hour after hour of puzzle-solving bliss—and if you emerge from them thinking that you just might have grown some nice new muscles on your noggin, well, there's nothing wrong with that!


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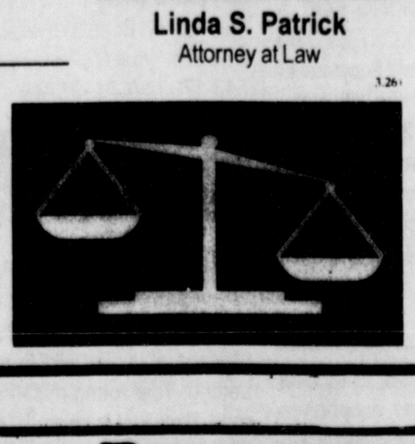

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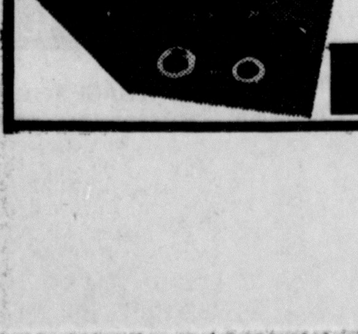

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The time-honored tradition of gathering around the dinner table as a family has fallen on hard times—the result of kids' extracurricular activities and parents working late.

While a recent survey found that 78 percent of parents feel eating dinner together as a family is important, the majority (55 percent) say they can only do so as a family four times or less each week. Many survey respondents simply did not have time to cook.

Fortunately, a new Web site, DinnerMadeEasy.com helps to answer the age-old question, "What's for dinner?" with tips and simple equations for making fast, delicious dinners.

For example:

- Ask for help with the dinner decision. Ask each family member to choose one meal. Bonus: picky eaters won't have much to complain about when they've chosen the meal.
- Come up with a list of your family's favorite dinner menus. Pick six or seven meals you can prepare in less than 30 minutes and always keep trusted convenience products such as Hamburger Helper, Old El Paso, Green Giant, Progresso, Pillsbury and Betty Crocker in the pantry.
- Rely on teamwork. Assign mealtime tasks by age, skill level and time availability. Younger children can help clear or set the table, for example.
- Save time with bagged, frozen vegetables.
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For more information, visit www.DinnerMadeEasy.com.

**Combine fresh and convenience food to create simple dinners.**

# OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

## Christmas wish, and how to get it

West Sacramento wants a new high school for Christmas. Or New Year's. Or pretty much any other holiday, as long as it's within the next couple of years.

To this end, a couple of well-connected locals have taken up the challenge of coordinating a school bond campaign. In charge of this effort for "Measure Q" are former West Sacramento city manager Joe Goeden and current Yolo County Supervisor Mike McGowan. McGowan was one of the two people involved in helping the last "little" bond measure – a school repair and renovation effort – to achieve a two-thirds vote.

This two-thirds mark had been elusive for West Sacramento in the past, when school officials tried to pass bigger bond measures that would pay for a whole new high school. Two attempts had gained a majority vote, but failed to make 67 percent on the local ballot.

This time, things are different. The community wants the new school even more. And only a 55 percent approval rate is required on the 2004 March ballot. As well, the city's demographics have "improved" from the point of view of bond proponents: new housing has brought new families with children – families likely to support a bond. These new residents have diluted the city's rather high proportion of senior citizens who, with their fixed incomes and childless households, are less likely to vote "yes."

All told, the 67 percent mark looks a lot less faraway than it used to. And McGowan and Goeden are savvy and well-connected enough to help get the campaign done right. So it appears that the bond is poised to win, short of some major mistakes by the school board or the campaign.

Here's what needs to happen for that victory to be assured:

■ The property for the school will need to be locked down. At present, negotiations for the land near Jefferson Blvd. and Linden Road are not yet complete. Failure to close the deal before the bond vote won't alone kill Measure Q, but it would add to any other troubles faced by the campaign.

■ The design and plan for the new school have to be crafted and explained. The community doesn't particularly want either two separate and smaller campuses or a single "mega-campus." A study is now underway which will consider other alternatives. The public would prefer some other kind of high school system – whether based on several "academies" or some other plan, that avoids the first two alternatives but has been proven to work in other communities.

■ The planned school or schools must be designed frugally – no corner-cutting, but no luxuries.

■ The campaign for this bond must include an accounting of the last one. The public will need to be told where the dollars went in the recent school improvement bond measure as part of the campaign for the new bond.

■ The school board and administration must not underestimate the importance of maintaining community goodwill. It will need to value all public support, and conduct itself in an unimpeachable manner.

A bond measure, high school design and campaign that address these points is an effort that will head to victory – and breathing room for students now cramped in the rooms and hallways of River City High.

## Letters to the Editor

**New high school bond needs explaining**

Our city governing body apparently does not learn from experience. People are just not too eager to vote "yes" on an undefined bond request. In other words, "Give me the money and we will tell you later how we will spend it -- maybe."

The only school bond issues that have passed are ones that were clearly defined as to how the money would be used. Simply stating that we need a new high school, so give us a bunch of money, is not going to make it with us. We need to hear about designs and budgets.

Negotiating for land at Linden and Jefferson is stupid. It's the highest priced property in the city, coupled with what will be the busiest intersection in the city makes this a very bad choice.

We are aware that a new high school is needed, but let's put in on some not so costly property, and build a functionally sound high school, not a Taj Mahal.

SANDRA & CHARLES KING
West Sacramento

**Your help is needed**

I am looking for someone who might have a tape recording of the "Holiday Performance" at Westfield Village Elementary School on the evening of 12-18-03, which was a Thursday. I am disabled so I was unable to attend and watch my daughter perform. I would be willing to pay for a copy of the tape.

If you can be of assistance, please give me a call at 374-9934. Your help will be very much appreciated.

KAREN BONSALL
West Sacramento

**Street light and sidewalk suggestions**

Neighborhood street signs should be on the same corner as street lights. Before the dimming of the lights several years ago (to save energy), one could read the signs kitty-corner, but no longer. If street light poles can't be used, just relocated existing signposts to the same corner as the lights. To be able to see street signs at night would improve traffic flow, most importantly, for emergency vehicles. Other drivers and riders, including those on buses, would benefit as the latter could request stopping a street ahead of their drop-off point.

While we're at it, let's make said corners wheelchair-accessible and repair sidewalks where tree roots and heavy vehicles have caused damage. As we construct new sidewalks, maybe we can save old trees by rerouting walkways slightly. As new and repaired sidewalks happen, we should include expansion joints that would reduce the need to totally replace sidewalk sections affected by tree root rise. This could be reduced by underground watering or landscaping.

Finally, trees should not be planted close to underground utility lines. Such trees should be removed before roots crack said lines and create need for emergency repairs...talk about getting to the root of the problem.

Such action should make for safer streets, which we presently take a dim view of, huh?

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed Nov. 4, 2003**
**File No. 2003-1014**

The following person is doing business as Alegria Mexican Food, 1106 Greene Terrace, Davis CA 95616:

Armando Arbizo and Jamie Arbizo, same address as above.

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/s/Armando & Jamie Arbizo

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The following person is doing business as Brookshill Design, 18301 C.R. 78, Brooks CA 95606:

Manee Tihm Watson, PO Box 98, Brooks CA 95606.

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/s/Manee Tihm Watson

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The following person is doing business as Pharmacists Coalition for the Injured Patient, 2646 Regatta Lane, Davis CA 95616:

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/s/Peter Kellison

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The following person is doing business as Meza Trucking, 907 Matmor Rd., Woodland CA 95776.

Jose P. Meza and Rosa Meza, same address as above.

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/s/Jose P. Meza

/s/Rosa Meza

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**—Eleanor Roosevelt**

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
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/s/Paul Douglas Daugherty

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The following person is doing business as B&B Creations, 3396 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacto., CA 95691:

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed Nov. 18, 2003**
**File No. 2003-1062**

The following person is doing business as Imagine That! Concepts and Designs, 828 Harvard Bend Dr., Woodland CA 95695:

Sharon K. Dowling, same address as above.

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/s/Sharon K. Dowling

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**NOTICE TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

A Negative Declaration has been prepared for 629 Welland Way in West Sacramento. This Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of a request to reconstruct and expand the West Sacramento office of the Executive Committee of the Pacific Coast Slavic Baptist Association, which was destroyed by fire in January 2003. The request also includes a Lot Line Merger to bring the property into compliance with local building and land use regulations. The Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Copies of the Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone 916/617-4645).

Any affected or interested parties may appear at the January 15, 2004, Planning Commission meeting and comment on the Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider adoption of the Negative Declaration on January 15, 2004, in the City Council Chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA, 95691 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed Dec. 4, 2003**
**File No. 2003-1101**

The following person is doing business as Atria Senior Living Group, 245 Fischer Avenue, D-1, Costa Mesa, CA 92626:

ARV Assisted Living, Inc., a Delaware corporation, 245 Fischer Avenue, D-1, Costa Mesa CA 92626.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10-1-03.

/s/Douglas Armstrong, Senior Vice President

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by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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**Filed Dec. 4, 2003**
**File No. 2003-1102**

The following person is doing business as CEN-CAL WALLBOARD SUPPLY, 1500 S. River Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691:

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This business is conducted by a corporation.

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/s/

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed Nov. 19, 2003**
**File No. 2003-1067**

The following person is doing business as Singhs Enterprise, 1629 Craft Dr., Woodland CA 95776.

Gur Nekh Singh, 1629 Craft Dr., Woodland CA 95776.

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/14/03.

/s/Gur Nekh Singh

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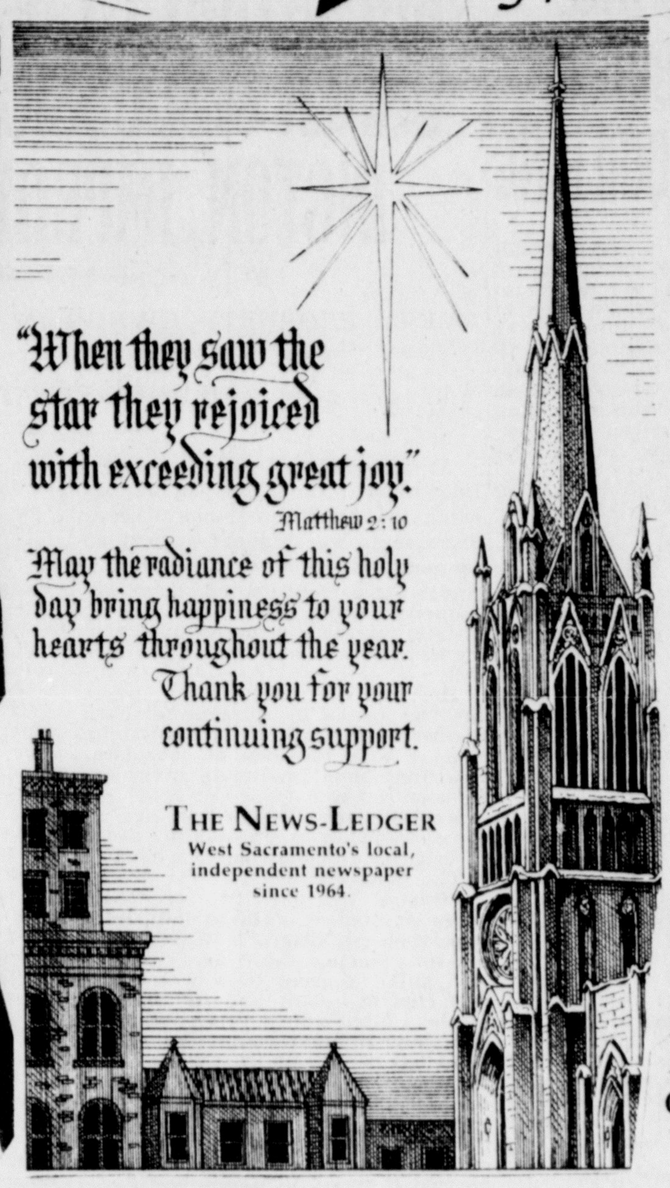
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(NAPS)—Traditions can be a fun way to celebrate holidays with family and friends. They often help to add a feeling of love and togetherness to most any seasonal gathering.

Fortunately, it is easy to start a treasured tradition that is enjoyed for years to come. These are some ideas for creating your own yearly holiday happenings:

• Try taking the whole family to the lot to help choose a great tree. Because it is a tree to be enjoyed by all, everyone should take part in the tree selection. Remember to bring along a camera or video recorder to capture the fun moments on film.

• Start an ornament exchange by giving each family member a special ornament each year. Remember to label each ornament with the year it was given. Try exchanging them while decorating the tree. Brew some hot cider or chocolate and take the time to enjoy each other's company while swapping the keepsakes.

• Give in to the gift-opening urge by allowing each family member to open one present on Christmas Eve. This can help bring everyone together for a few special relaxing moments before the excitement of Christmas morning.

• Bring holiday cheer to the neighborhood with a round of joyful caroling. The voices may not be ready for Broadway, but the neighbors will probably still appreciate the effort.

• Put on a holiday music CD and gather loved ones together to create homemade tree ornaments and decorations, like popcorn, paper or dried cranberry chains.

## Holiday Eggnog

Here's an updated version of eggnog that uses cooked eggs to guarantee that it's salmonella-free. To keep the eggnog chilled, float a pint of vanilla ice cream in the punch bowl.

PREP: 10 minutes plus chilling
COOK: 25 minutes
MAKES: about 16 cups or 32 servings

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| *12* | *large eggs* |
| *1 1/4* | *cups sugar* |
| *1/2* | *teaspoon salt* |
| *2* | *quarts milk* |
| *1* | *cup dark rum (optional)* |
| *2* | *tablespoons vanilla extract* |
| *1* | *teaspoon ground nutmeg plus additional for sprinkling* |
| *1* | *cup heavy or whipping cream* |

1. In heavy 4-quart saucepan, with wire whisk, beat eggs, sugar and salt until blended. Gradually stir in 1 quart milk and cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until custard thickens and coats the back of a spoon (temperature on thermometer should reach 160 F), about 25 minutes. (Do not boil, or mixture will curdle.)

2. Pour custard into large bowl; stir in remaining 1 quart milk, rum if using, vanilla and 1 teaspoon nutmeg. Cover and refrigerate until chilled, at least 3 hours or up to 1 day.

3. To serve, in small bowl, with mixer at medium speed, beat cream until soft peaks form. With wire whisk, gently fold whipped cream into custard mixture.

4. Pour eggnog into chilled 5-quart punch bowl; sprinkle with nutmeg.

• Each serving: About 124 calories, 4 g protein, 11 g carbohydrate, 7 g total fat (4 g saturated), 98 mg cholesterol, 93 mg sodium.

# PAGE FROM THE PAST



## LOCAL ITEMS

The Sacramento River registered 8 feet 4 inches U. S. gauge at the S. P. bridge yesterday.

Miss Emma Waldeck spent the last week end at the Korrel home. She returned to Beatrice on Saturday evening.

Miss Avis Bevens and W. Campbell of Oroville were visitors at the Kiff home last Saturday and Sunday.

It was reported yesterday that Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dupzyk are about to make their future home in San Francisco, where he has secured a good position.

Last Sunday H. C. Painter made a business trip to San Francisco and as a result may decide to make his future home there. Mrs. Painter and her mother, Mrs. Starkey, will follow in a short time. Definite plans are not yet complete, but it is almost certain the family will leave the old home in Washington.

Before Judge Barry last Wednesday J. M. Almazoff of Riverbank was acquitted of the charge of allowing his stock to run loose. The warrant was sworn out by Frank Skoybeda, but only circumstantial evidence was produced at the trial and the accused was discharged.

Regardless of the fact that all voters must register this year in order to take part in local and national elections many people are careless about presenting themselves for registration. Judge Barry and Constable Buckingham are the deputies in this district and in their spare time circulate among the people, but cannot be expected to reach all homes. They put themselves out a good deal to get names, but there should be an effort on the part of citizens to respond. Many important questions like Japanese exclusion, prohibition defeat, the election of a Supervisor and a Superior Judge, the election of a President, Members of the Assembly and State Senate will all be up for consideration. A new registration is necessary for any one of these and citizens should not be lax in appearing for registration.

Riverbank Inn has been opened as a soft drink emporium by Jimmy Davis and is being refitted and refurnished by him. Jimmy is well known here as well as throughout Yolo County and is deserving of the patronage of all thirsty people. Besides "wet" goods, Jimmy will have on hand a supply of solids for his customers

In the Wal[illegible]ilding at Second and Harriett streets, Clyde Crenshaw is preparing to open an auto repair shop and acetylene welding plant. The building is being remodcled now and will be ready for business next week. The place has been vacant since J. G. Soule closed his saloon last August. With the renting of this place all the Waring property is again occupied.

A large crowd attended the dance last Saturday night in the public school in Riverbank. The dance was held for the purpose of securing funds for playground apparatus. It was a St. Patrick's dance and was attended by all resiednts of the district. More than $125 was cleared by the teachers who arranged the affair.

Frank Lawrence, who was reported by a Woodland paper to have disappeared, has turned up all O. K. and is at work again. He secured a job at Chico at an employment agency in Sacramento, but before going north got a better job in Sacramento.

Mrs. Della Huntley of Jackson, Michigan, is a guest at the home of her brother, O. P. Cook.

Clifford, the youngest son of William Henderson, is able to be about after a serious spell of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Hart went to San Francisco for the week-end.

Mrs. Frank De Riso and son spent the week-end visiting in Oakland at the home of Mrs. Leo Brash.

Miss Julia McWilliams, a teacher in the Washington school, is ill, and Miss Edwina Coupe is substituting in her place.

Miss Bessie McManus, who has been a guest for the past three weeks at the home of Miss Pearl Moser, has returned to her home in Roseville.

Mrs. O. P. Cook was called to Escalon Sunday because of the death of her cousin, William Marston. Mrs. Cook was accompanied by Mrs. Delia Huntley.

Charles Martinelli has returned to his home in St. Helena after a week end visit in Washington.

Clarence Moser is ill at his home in Washington.

O. P. Cook and family of Washington, C. P. Ford of Roseville, William Gordon and family of Napa, J. H. Thorburn and family of Berkeley went to Escalon to attend the funeral of the late William Marston.


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## YOLO BOARD WILL ASK NEW BIDS ON ROAD BUILDING

Woodland, Mar. 17.—As a result of yesterday's all-day conference of the Yolo Supervisors, the matter of selecting the most durable type of highway has narrowed down to two types and County Engineer A. G. Proctor was advised to have specifications ready for these two classes of road for next Tuesday's meeting of the board. At that time arrangements will be completed for readvertising for bids.

The types of roads to be specified are a black base road with either Warrenite or Topeka wearing surface or a concrete base with either Warrenite or Topeka top. The base in each instance is to be four inches thick, which with a suitable surface should give the county a highway of long life.

Either of these two types of roads will be tried out on the Woodland-Knights Landing unit, which is to be built first. Should the mixture not prove satisfactory, new specifications will be drawn for the remainder of the county's highway units.

The re-advertising and opening of the bids should be completed in time to enable construction work to begin early in the summer. Supervisor F. B. Edson is bending every effort to assist the other members of the board to expedite matters, as he insists that the first unit of the road will be submitted to the most strenuous usage and is the most needed link in the whole county system.

It developed at the meeting late yesterday that the bids for the black base road were the lowest presented to Sutter County, while the concrete road figures opened in Yolo County were under the black base bids. This apparent discrepancy was unexplained by the construction men who attended Tuesday's meeting.

## SCHOOL TRUSTEE WILL BE ELECTED NEXT FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH

Next Friday a successor to Fred L. White will be elected by the voters of Washington.

His term expires and he is a candidate to succeed himself. So far as known at this writing he will have no opposition and since his services on the board have been above reproach and very commendable it matters little whether he has opposition or not.

The other Trustees are Mrs. M. L. Manchester and Mrs. Belle Parkinson.

The officers of election are Norman L. White, Inspector; Mrs. P. A. Hart, and Mrs. J. McNevin, Judges.

John D. Rockefeller paid his income tax on March 15th and on March 16th the price of gasoline was advanced 2 cents per gallon.

The rich they ride in chaises.
The poor they walk, by jaisus.

Ralpha Colclough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Colclough, is ill at the home of her parents.

Mrs. M. Ellis is confined to her home by illness.

The party planned by the children of the fifth and sixth grades under the direction of their teachers for Saturday night has been indefinitely postponed.


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## ANNEXATION TO SACRAMENTO UNDER DISCUSSION BY WASHINGTON IMPROVEMENT CLUB

### EVERY PROPERTY OWNER IN THE TOWN AND DISTRICT IS INVITED TO EXPRESS AN OPINION PRO OR CON

At a meeting of the Washington Improvement Club last Tuesday evening the question of annexation to Sacramento was brought up and after some discussion was laid over for future consideration so that the property owners and residents of the district might be given an opportunity to express themselves on the subject.

Herewith the Independent offers the free use of its columns for such discussion and will publish anything sent in with the idea of consideration that should animate every interested party.

An editorial published in one of the Sacramento papers was the cause of bringing the question to a head.

The editorial reads:

**"During the past two or three years a number of large industries have been established in Wast Sacramento. Among these are two big rice mills, a great bean warehouse and cleaning plant and the factory of the United States Fiber Products Company. In addition, the announcement has been made that the Virden Packing Company is to establish its main plant on the west side of the Sacramento.**

**It is quite natural that the citizens of Sacramento would have been pleased if these industries had located in this city. However, from a business standpoint, it was to the interests of these concerns to locate in West Sacramento. Property in West Sacramento with rail and water connections is much cheaper than in this city, and for plants of the kind, location in Yolo County just across from this city offers no drawbacks.**

**Of course, every industry in West Sacramento adds to the growth of Sacramento City. At present all employes of the West Sacramento industries live in Sacramento. Eventually, however, especially when the Virden Packing Company builds its large plant, a town will spring up in West Sacramento, and in years to come it will be a large city. This has been the experience of every city built upon a river. Would it not be a good idea, therefore, to consider the annexation of West Sacramento, or at least, for the time being, of starting a movement to have West Sacramento annexed to Sacramento County?**

**It is interesting to recall, in this connection, that a proposal to annex a part of Yolo County is not a new one. It was originally proposed by the late David Lubin, about twenty-five years ago, when he was active in Sacramento's business affairs. Mr. Lubin's proposal was for Sacramento to annex the town of Washington, which at that time was Sacramento's largest suburb. However, conditions at that time were not ripe for annexation. But the present rapid growth of West Sacramento as an industrial center makes it a matter worthy of our consideration."**

The members of the club requested the Independent to open this subject as much as possible and asked all interestd parties to express their views thereon.

It will be remembered that many years ago the question of annexation to Sacramento was talked on. Nothing resulted, however.

The members of the club felt that the large industries now located in West Sacramento became so located through the fact that the town is not incorporated; that no petty annoying laws and ordinances hinder the owners of the factories in pursuing their business, and that the tax rate in Yolo County, being very reasonable, was another inducement that prompted those industries to locate in West Sacramento.

"Is it better now to annex, to incorporate or to continue for a time as on the present status, or to make changes that might prevent other industries from locating in this district."

That was the question before the members of the club who are all property owners.

It is too serious to pass flippantly on without due consideration, and hence the question was postponed for further consideration with the object of getting expression of opinion from the interested property owners of the district.

Another question that was postponed for future consideration was the request of the club on the S. P. Co. to place a stairway on the north side of the S. P. Bridge near the railroad hospital so that working men in the S. P. shops might cut off considerable distance in their walk from the shops to their homes.

The Club decided that when the saving could be accurately measured and correct data ascertained the request for the stairway would be presented to the Division Superintendent, J. D. Brennan, and the Division Engineer Mr. Kirkbride.

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### "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World"

*Running Time: 140 minutes*
*MPAA rating: PG-13*

Watching the previews for "Master and Commander," I was given the impression I'd see a ripping tale of swashbuckling adventure on the High Seas, filled with antiquated seafaring expressions like "Yoiks the mizzenfarkle!" and "Bandy the wizzeltweats!"—or whatever it is that crusty old seamen bellow.

Instead, I saw a very slow, deliberately paced film about duty, honor, evolution and knowing one's place in the Order of Things. Sure, there are a few battle scenes, and they are riveting to watch. In fact, "Master and Commander" is a beautiful movie. What it isn't is, say, "'Gladiator' Meets 'Captain Blood,'" which is what the commercials portray it to be.

Based on two best-selling novels by Patrick O'Brien, "Master and Commander" stars Russell Crowe as Jack Aubrey, captain of the battered British ship HMS Surprise. He and his crew are somewhere off the coast of South America trying to intercept a French vessel that is faster and larger than the ship Aubrey commands.

As they search for the ship, we are given an insight as to what it must've been like to be a sailor back in the early 19th century, and we see Aubrey do his best to buck up the confidence of his crew.

The captain's closest friend and confidant aboard the Surprise is the ship's doctor, Stephen Maturin, portrayed by Paul Bettany (he pulled similar duty with Crowe as the imaginary roommate in "A Beautiful Mind"). The men speak for hours about things like evolution and order and the state of the British Empire.

Russell Crowe shivers the timbers.

Despite the film's slow pace, it isn't boring to watch. There is energy and emotion in every shot, and the performances by all the actors are top-notch.

"Master and Commander" isn't so much a war movie as it is a movie about the men who fight in them. This isn't a bad thing. In fact, the big surprise about this film is that even though it isn't the movie I thought I would see, it was a movie I'm glad I saw.

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**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Surrounding yourself with beautiful things helps restore the Taurean soul. Enjoy an art exhibit, for example. Or redecorate your personal space with something truly splendid.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Some colleagues might try to talk you out of what they insist is a risk, but which you consider an opportunity. As usual, follow your own good sense when making your decision.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A workplace change you might have worried about soon proves to be highly favorable for the clever Crab who is ready to take advantage of new opportunities opening up.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Congratulations. Your Leonine pride is polished to a dazzling new brilliance thanks to your success in winning support for your new project from even the most doubtful of detractors.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) An unsettling rumor about a colleague's apparently regrettable behavior is soon proved groundless, allowing you to enjoy the upcoming end-of-year festivities in a happy mood.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your success in helping to create a harmonious environment out of a chaotic situation earns you the admiration of someone who could become an important new presence in your life.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your Scorpion's sense of loyalty could find you leading a passionate defense of a loved one you feel is being unfairly treated. The week's end brings long-awaited family news.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your keen instincts are once more on high alert as you find yourself being pressured to make a quick decision about a certain matter. More facts come to light by week's end.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) An unexpected workplace development could disrupt some family plans. A full explanation, however, averts domestic discord. A financial matter continues to need attention.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Spend time away from distractions to reassess some recent moves that might not have worked out as you had hoped. What you learn could be invaluable for future decision-making.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A recent act of kindness is a reminder of how important your friends are to you. You might want to show your appreciation by hosting a special pre-New Year's party just for them.

YOU **BORN THIS WEEK:** You always try to do your best, which sometimes causes you to be critical of those who don't live up to your standards.

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## *Jill Jackson's* HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD ... Hopefully you're having a wonderful week celebrating loving and giving and all the good things the season stands for ... Out here in the land of everlasting sunshine, it would be fun to see snow, but the best we can do is find some on sets in the studios or travel to the mountains where it does fall.

On the showbiz side, it's all push, push, push, either for the Golden Globe Awards, or the Oscars, or umpteen other Awards, Shows, and such. ... As I've said before, there's not too much else going on in the town, what with the big names taking off for wherever ... **Melanie** and **Antonio Banderas** are back from Broadway and happy to be in their beauteous Hancock Park mansion with time for the children and fun. They took off for Aspen and some skiing for Thanksgiving and are doing the same now.

Aside to Bertha K. of New Orleans, La. Indeed I did see **Harry Connick Jr's** Christmas show, and indeed I did think it was wonderful. And I have more than a special interest in this young man: being from New Orleans, I knew his mom and dad, as I have known of Harry's talent since he was a wee lad. And to further answer your question, yes, he now has three children—Georgia Tatom, Sara Kate and Charlotte. **Jill Goodacre** is his wife.

**Nic Cage** is readying his winter duds for a trip to Chicago in February, when he starts filming "The Weather Man." It's about a divorced Chicago weatherman who is about to take a job in New York, but before he leaves he tries to make peace with his ex-wife and kids ... Young **Josh Brolin,** son of **Jim** and stepson of **Babs,** has landed a role in MGM's "Into the Blue," about a group of scuba-diving friends who discover the wreckage of a sunken plane carrying illegal cargo. The divers then become involved with a drug lord, and the action takes off from there ... **Sir Michael Caine** will be the new butler to Batman ... **Hilary Swank** is in South Africa shooting "Red Dust," a courtroom drama about an anti-apartheid activist who enlists the help of a former student, now a New York City prosecutor.

Harry Connick Jr.

Thinking about Oscar noms? Consider these for Best Picture: "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World"; "Seabiscuit"; "The Last Samurai"; "Cold Mountain"; "The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King"; "Pirates of the Caribbean"; "The Black Pearl."

Aside to Kenneth L. of Carmel, Calif. I have purposely not expressed an opinion about **Michael Jackson.** I figured enough has been said already. None of us really knows WHAT happened. We must all take somebody else's word for the goings-on, and who knows who tells what? Michael is a fine entertainer, if you like that kind of entertainment. Personally, I would rather hear a tenor sing an aria from "La Traviata."

BITS 'N' PIECES: One of the heels on the stiletto-style pumps **Cameron Diaz** wore to a premiere broke as she walked the red carpet. The invincible Cammie merely stooped, took off her shoes, and walked the rest of the way barefoot ... **Sharon Stone's** new BF is entertainment attorney **Bernie Cahill** ... **Patrick Swayze** joins the national tour of "Chicago" for the two-week Los Angeles engagement; the show opens Jan. 7-18 at the famed Pantages Theater ... Bandleader **Peter Duchin** and **John Morgan Wilson** have followed their successful "Blue Moon" mystery with "Good Morning Heartache" (Berkley Prime Crime)—a great read about happenings in Hollywood in the '60s ... MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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# PUZZLES & COMICS

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

JEFFY, OF ALL MY GRANDKIDS YOU'RE MY SECOND FAVORITE!
REALLY, WHO'S FIRST??
ALL THE REST ARE TIED FOR FIRST... HAR HAR HA... ...HO HO... HEE HEE HEE...
THAT'S THE "SECOND" FUNNIEST JOKE I'VE EVER HEARD.
PICKERING

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

WHOA! NICE SWEATER, TINK!
EH, IT'S OKAY.
HOPE AUNT HELEN WON'T GET UPSET IF I RETURN IT.
UM, KEEP IN MIND, BIG BROTHER -- I'M NEVER TOO OLD FOR YOUR HAND-ME-DOWNS!
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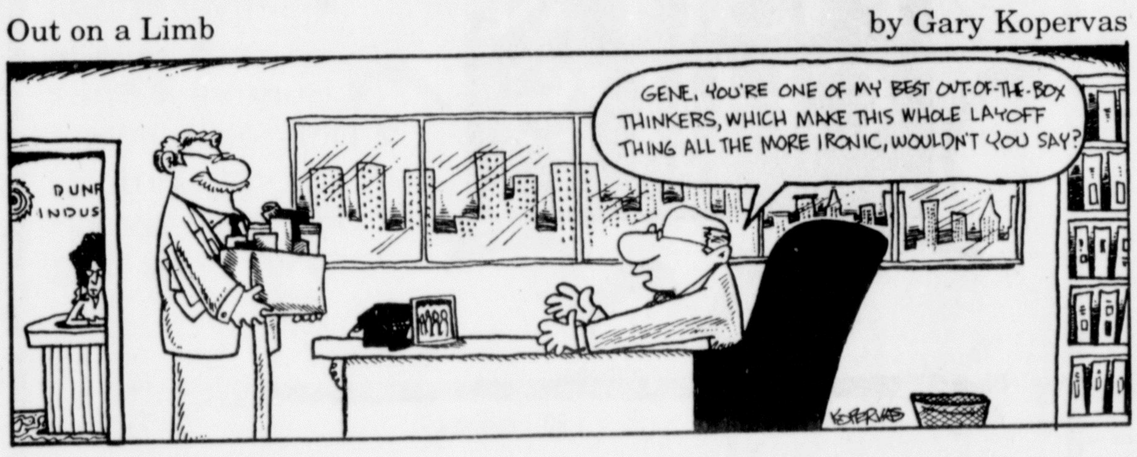
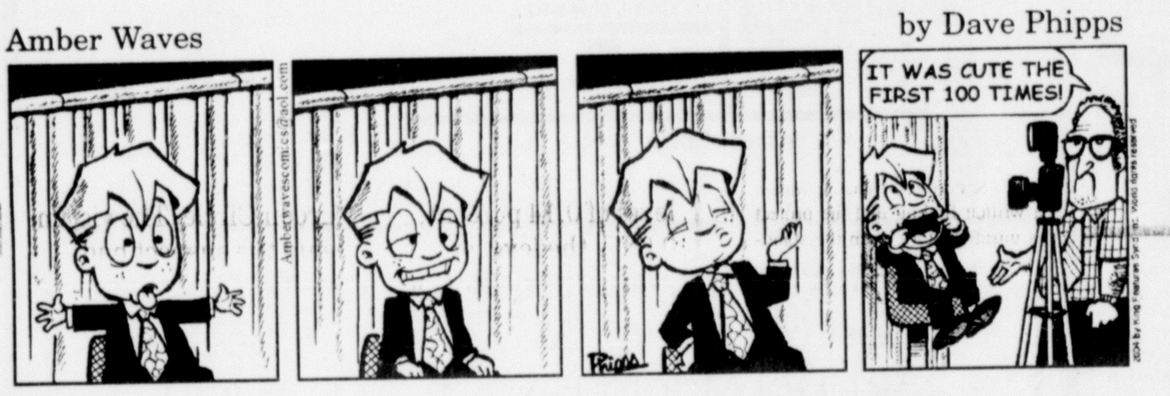
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas


GENE, YOU'RE ONE OF MY BEST OUT-OF-THE-BOX THINKERS, WHICH MAKE THIS WHOLE LAYOFF THING ALL THE MORE IRONIC, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
DUNF INDUS
KOPERVAS

Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps



POPEYE
HEY EISMAN
I WUZ THINKIN' IF I LOST SOME WEIGHT MAYBE I COULD ATTRACT OLIVE!
THAT IS EXCELLENT THINKING, BRUTUS!
LUCKILY FOR YOU, I'VE RECENTLY DEVISED A SURE-FIRE REDUCING PLAN...
THIS DIET NOT ONLY REDUCES YOUR WEIGHT BUT ALSO DETOXIFIES YOUR BODY!
WOTSIT COST?
SINCE YOU ARE MY FIRST CLIENT I'M WAIVING MY USUAL FEE...
...YOU MERELY PAY FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENSES
SOUNDS FAIR!
JUST ORDER WHAT'S ON THIS LIST!
YA SURE THIS IS GONNA WORK?
HOUSE CAFE
TRUST ME!
I'LL HAVE A DOUBLE BURGER, LETTUCE, ONIONS, T'MATER, CHEESE 'N SAUCE!
COMIN' RIGHT UP!
BURP!... I'VE JUST SAVED YOU 2396 CALORIES!
...PAY THE MAN, BRUTUS!
HEY EISMAN
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FLASH GORDON
Character Profile:
Dale Arden
AN AIRPLANE IS TORN ASUNDER BY A FREAK METEOR SHOWER!
THAT FATEFUL FLIGHT BRINGS RAVEN-HAIRED BEAUTY DALE ARDEN INTO THE ARMS OF WORLD-RENOWNED ATHLETE FLASH GORDON.
SINCE THEN THEIR LIVES HAVE BEEN BOUND TOGETHER... FACING ADVENTURES UNDREAMED OF IN THE HOPES OF SAVING A WORLD ON THE BRINK OF DESTRUCTION!
FLASH GORDON
BY JIM KEEFE
FLASH'S SCOUTING PARTY IS ATTACKED ON ALL SIDES BY A TENTACLED TERROR!
OUT OF MY WAY!
FLASH!
THUD!
AAAAAA!
DALE...
NEXT: IRREVOCABLE LOSSES!
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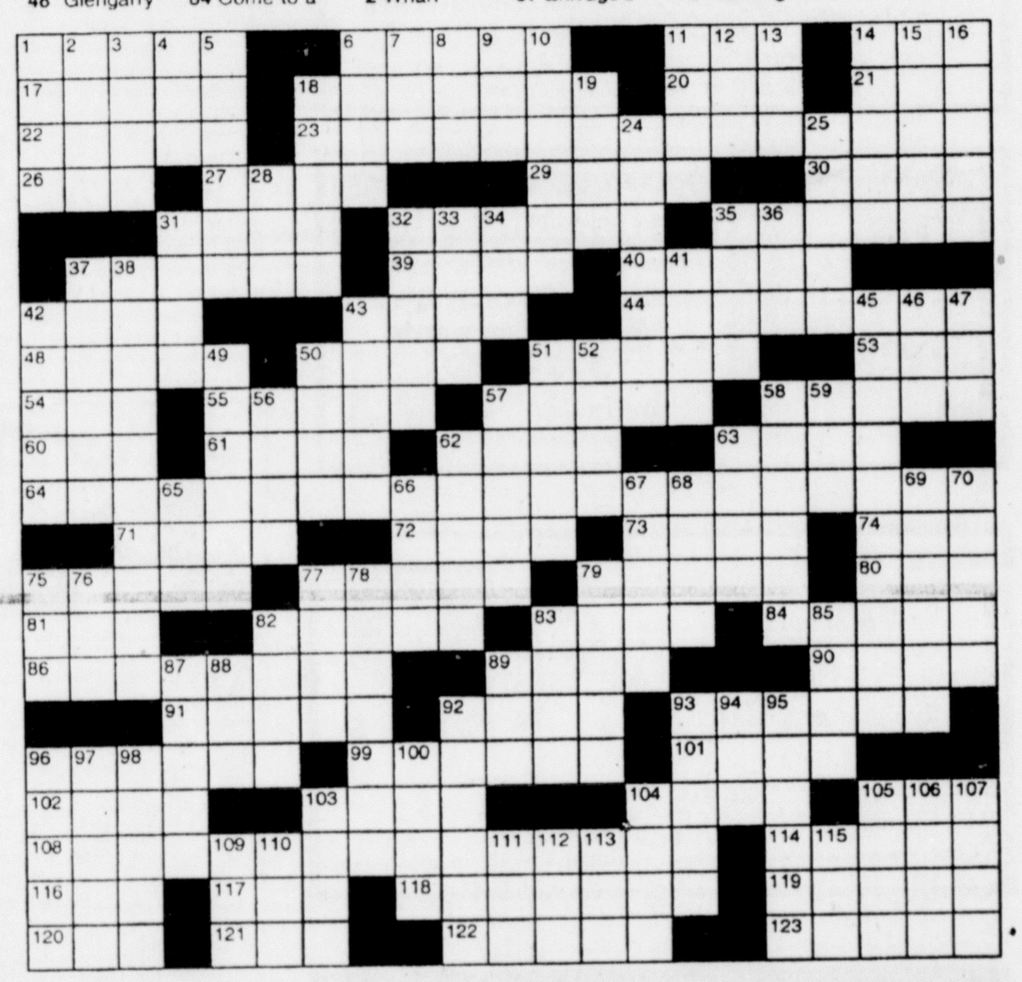
## Super Crossword

SAVED BY THE SLEIGH BELL

**ACROSS**
1 Young pigeon
6 Old hat
11 Have bills
14 Bilko's rank: abbr.
17 Cleanse
18 '37 Nelson Eddy movie
20 Yank opponent
21 "... man — mouse?"
22 Impatient
23 Start of a remark by Roz Richards
26 Tint
27 Long and slender
29 Spiral
30 "— We Got Fun" ('21 song)
31 Big-hearted
32 Show off
35 Move around
37 Meager
39 Clark's co-worker
40 Stick one's neck out
42 Sailor's shout
43 Firewood measure
44 Unpretentious
48 "Glengarry Glen Ross" playwright
50 Hint
51 Heartbeat sound
53 Presidential nickname
54 Dadaism founder
55 Leading man?
57 Okefenokee, for one
58 Ford's predecessor
60 Casino cube
61 Big bird
62 Tart
63 "Lucky Jim" author
64 Middle of remark
71 News bit
72 Car scar
73 Trudge
74 Smith or Stout
75 Behind
77 Watchful
79 Camera settings
80 High dudgeon
81 Arafat's grp
82 Explosive sound
83 Crowdburst?
84 Come to a point
86 Curry ingredient
89 Sew a toe
90 Heron's home
91 A Muse
92 Jupiter's alias
93 Norwood of "Moesha"
96 It's charming
99 B vitamin
101 Isolated
102 Better place?
103 Dietary need
104 Carnival creep
105 In error
108 End of remark
114 Opera's Giacomo — -Volpi
116 Legendary Giant
117 — Grande
118 Rubbed the wrong way
119 Car bomb?
120 Carrie or Louis
121 TV chef Martin
122 Astronomer Carl
123 Symbol

**DOWN**
1 Floored it
2 Wharf
3 Press
4 Make cheddar better
5 "Cabaret" setting
6 Pare down a paycheck
7 — blond
8 Pitch
9 Ivy Leaguer
10 Olympic event
11 Spoken
12 Director Craven
13 Dwindle
14 Poet Sanchez
15 Sty sound
16 Discernment
18 Newman or Quaid
19 Short jacket
24 "Cape Fear" actor
25 "Bellefleur" author
28 Pantry pest
31 Actress Ballard
32 Roux ingredient
33 Folk tail?
34 Assist
35 Highway exit
36 Waugh's "The Loved —"
37 Zhivago's portrayer
38 Rival
41 Frolic
42 Novelist Jorge
43 Weather word
45 Like some suits
46 Godfrey's instrument
47 Contemporary
49 Janine of "Northern Exposure"
50 Chastity's mom
51 Checker move?
52 Muslim pilgrimage
56 Mock
57 Whiff
58 Surrounded by
59 Bar supply
62 Ward off
63 Perched on
65 Soissons season
66 Fateful 15th
67 Novelist Sinclair
68 Job opening
69 Dissent
70 Wield
75 Address abbr.
76 Winter woe
77 Landed
78 Pithy
79 Warning
82 Wild child
83 Sitarist Shankar
85 One of the Brontes
87 Cantaloupe or casaba
88 Literary preposition
89 "What's up, —?"
92 — ladder
93 Run in the wash
94 Caviar
95 Sock for sis
96 Fiery felony
97 Substantial
98 Marry
100 "— Dinka Doo" ('33 song)
103 Utah National Park
104 Feds
105 Boot out
106 Pro bono
107 Thin layer
109 Attempt
110 Peeples or Long
111 Monk's title
112 Playground game
113 Journalist Tarbell
115 Bustle

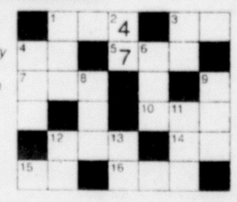


Please see answers on back page

## Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

*Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, two digits have been entered in the diagram.*



**ACROSS**
1. One less than 1-Down
3. Four more than 2-Down
4. Four more than 14-Across
5. Digits of 7-Across rearranged
7. 10-Across minus 16-Across
10. Consecutive digits in descending order
12. 4-Down plus 9-Down
14. 15-Across minus 12-Down
15. One more than 13-Down
16. The last digit is the sum of the other digits

**DOWN**
1. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
2. The last digits of 12-Across in order
3. Same digit repeated
4. 15-Across plus 8-Down
6. Three times 15-Across
8. Four times 3-Across
9. 3-Across plus 6-Down
11. One hundred more than 5-Across
12. Two less than 3-Down
13. One-half of 1-Across

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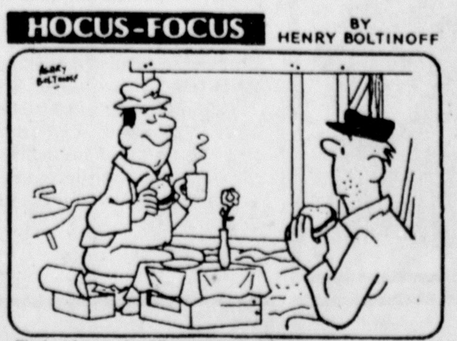
## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

## MAGIC MAZE ● INTERESTING TOWN NAMES IN THE DAKOTAS

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K R I R F D E E R B D T Z X W
U E E S A T Q R R I O O A N L
J H L M A D F C K I H L D B C
A Y H G R E E N G R A S S W V
R E L T N A T O S E V T D Q P
N O L K I I F C D I A O L E H
C F E C B A R I Z Y J Y W O R
V U S R Q P F P A Z N M L J V

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Antler, Bath, Colgate, Concrete, Faith, Farmer, Green Grass, Ideal, Java, Kidder, Pringle, Red Shirt, Tolstoy, Voltaire, Zap

## Wishing Well®

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed Nov. 20, 2003**
**File No. 2003-1072**

The following person is doing business as River Bank Ranch, 4795 Hwy 45, Knights Landing CA:

Roy Thouvenell and Lesley Thouvenell, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/20/03.

/s/Roy Thouvenell
/s/Lesley Thouvenell

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Nov. 20, 2003
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed Nov. 4, 2003**
**File No. 2003-1010**

The following person is doing business as Salsa Tacos, 2910 W. Capitol Ave.:

Guido A. Benitez and Lupe Benitez, 1141 Hawk Ave., Sacto CA 95833.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/1990. Previous fictitious business name number 98-581.

/s/Guido Benitez

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed Dec 12, 2003**
**File No. 2003-1143**

The following person is doing business as ELKA, INC., 2475 Davis Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Edward C. Pfuntner and Lorraine Pfuntner, 2475 Davis Rd., W. Sac., CA 95691.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/25/03.

/s/Edward C. Pfuntner, President
ELKA, Inc.

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed Nov 21, 2003**
**File No. 2003-1081**

The following person is doing business as Silva's Audio/Visual Event Management, 1590 Headslane Rd., W. Sac., CA 95691.

Walter Silva, 1590 Headslane Rd., W. Sac., CA 95691; Gilbert M. Silva, 2251 Watt Ave., Sac., CA 95825.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 11-21-03.

/s/Walter Silva

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**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

December 20, 2003
City of West Sacramento
1110 West Capitol Avenue
West Sacramento, CA 95691
916-617-4555

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of West Sacramento.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about January 6, 2004 the City of West Sacramento will submit a request to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development for the release of Small Cities Community Development block Grant Program funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as West Capitol Housing Project for the purpose of acquisition of a vacant 1.04 acre parcel at 1801 West Capitol Avenue (APN 67-270-04). Estimated cost of acquisition is $400,000. A housing project on the site is anticipated to occur within twelve months as a separate action.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of West Sacramento has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of West Sacramento Grants and Community Investment Department, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. All comments received by January 5, 2004 will be considered by the City of West Sacramento prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of West Sacramento certifies to Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) that Tina Gontarski in her capacity as Director of Grants & Community Investment consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of West Sacramento to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HCD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of West Sacramento certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of West Sacramento; (b) the City of West Sacramento has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding as required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HCD at 1800 3rd Street, Suite 390, Sacramento, CA 95814. Potential objectors should contact HCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Tina Gontarski, Director of Grants & Community Investment

Dec 24

# Police log

**Dec. 19, 11:50 a.m.**
A juvenile at a school was arrested for possessing a "Ninja" throwing star.

**Dec. 20, 2:10 a.m.**
A 38-year old West Sacramento man was causing a disturbance at a Harbor Blvd. business. He was obviously intoxicated. An officer asked the suspect three times to allow the suspect's wife to drive him home, but he refused. The suspect was arrested for being a danger to himself and his wife.

**Dec. 20, 9:15 a.m.**
On Bowen Island Rd., a woman was seen in a home's backyard, looking in a window. The suspect left in a sport utility vehicle.

**Dec. 20, 10:08 a.m.**
A stolen 1995 Mustang was found, stripped, at the 400-block of Westacre Road. "Most everything had been removed," said a police report, "and of course, no one saw or heard anything."

**Dec. 20, 9:45 a.m.**
A 1988 Buick Century was stolen from Castle Ct.

**Dec. 20, 7:58 p.m.**
A man crashed his car into another, but nobody was hurt. Officers responded and determined he was DUI. The man had a blood alcohol level of 0.14 percent; 0.08 is the level of presumed intoxication. He was arrested.

**Dec. 21, 12:50 a.m.**
On Yolo St. near the railroad tracks, officers responded to the report of a commercial burglary in progress. A security officer had two suspects in custody and had fired his weapon. The suspects were gone on arrival, and police learned that there was apparently no burglary. The guard had confronted two suspects who were atop some construction equipment, and they complied with his instructions to sit down. Then a third subject appeared from the railroad tracks and approached "in a boisterous manner," and all three then began approaching the armed guard and refusing to stop. Afraid of being overpowered, the guard fired one shot into the ground as a warning, and the three stopped approaching. The guard retreated. Three suspects were apprehended by police as their vehicle left the scene. They appeared intoxicated and two were verbally abusive to police. They were arrested.

**Dec. 21, 1:42 a.m.**
An officer contacted a 39-year old Sacramento man, a 31-year old Sacramento man and a 28-year old Rancho Cordova man during a traffic stop at Jefferson Blvd. and Michigan. All were booked as too intoxicated to take care of themselves.

**Dec. 21, 2:30 a.m.**
An alarm company reported an alarm at an Industrial Blvd. business. Someone had pried open a door and the company was able to monitor the sound of voices and crashes outside the building. Police responded and a representative of the burglarized company responded and found nothing missing.

**Dec. 21, 2:32 a.m.**
An officer contacted a 20-year old West Sacramento woman and 32-year old male transient in a 5th Street trailer that had been tagged by code enforcement officials as uninhabitable. They were arrested.

**Dec. 21, 4:54 p.m.**
An officer responded to the report of a man with a knife on Evergreen Circle. The victim said the suspect had pulled the knife out and swung at the victim, narrowly missing. The suspect was taken into custody. A loaded syringe with 25 units of methamphetamine was found on the suspect's person.

**Dec. 21, 7:20 p.m.**
An officer was dispatched to a fight on the 3300-block of West Capitol Avenue. The victim said a 54-year old man had been loud and cussing, and after the victim confronted the suspect, the suspect pulled out a folding knife and approached the victim, threatening to cut the victim. The suspect was booked.

**Dec. 21, 11:02**
An officer contacted a 25-year old man during a domestic dispute. The man admitted punching his wife, causing visible injury. The couple shared two children. The man was arrested.

**Dec. 21, 10:36 p.m.**
On Pegler Court, a resident reported hearing a gunshot.

## Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **Dec. 23, 1620,** one week after the Mayflower arrived at Plymouth harbor in present-day Massachusetts, construction of the first permanent European settlement in New England begins.

• On **Dec. 24, 1851,** a devastating fire at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., destroys about two-thirds of its 55,000 volumes, including most of Thomas Jefferson's personal library, sold to the institution in 1815.

• On **Dec. 28, 1869,** the Knights of Labor, a labor union of tailors in Philadelphia, hold the first Labor Day ceremonies in American history. The first annual observance of Labor Day was organized by the American Federation of Labor in 1884, which resolved at a convention in Chicago that "the first Monday in September be set aside as a laborer's national holiday."

• On **Dec. 26, 1908,** Jack Johnson becomes the first African-American to win the world heavyweight title when he knocks out Canadian Tommy Burns in the 14th round in a championship bout near Sydney, Australia.

• On **Dec. 25, 1914,** just after midnight on Christmas morning, a majority of German troops engaged in World War I cease firing their guns and artillery and commence to sing Christmas carols. At some points along the eastern and western fronts, the soldiers of Russia, France and Britain heard brass bands joining the Germans in their joyous singing.

• On **Dec. 22, 1964,** comedian Lenny Bruce is sentenced to four months in a New York jail for violating obscenity laws during his nightclub act. Bruce never served any time, however, because he died of a drug overdose in 1966 while the case was on appeal.

• On **Dec. 27, 1968,** Apollo 8, the first manned mission to the moon, returns safely to Earth after a historic six-day journey.


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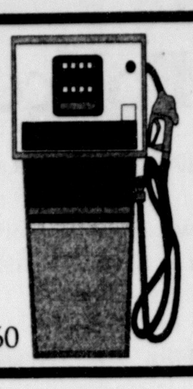

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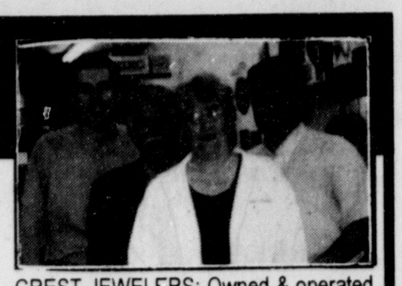

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# Local Scene

## Refuse service

Refuse service in West Sacramento will be delayed one day on the Christmas and New Year holidays. In those weeks, Thursday pick-ups will move to Friday, and Friday pickups to Saturday. If you have any questions, call 617-4589.

## Preschool

Discovery Preschool, the newest preschool in West Sacramento, will take registration beginning Dec. 8 for the session beginning in January. The preschool includes an educational program with certified teachers and new equipment and supplies. Open to kids age 3-5; all students must be potty trained. Call 617-4620.

## Recycle a tree

Retired Christmas trees can be recycled at the curbside in West Sacramento or taken to River City Green Waste and Recycling at 2895 Industrial Blvd. for free drop-off. Also, don't forget that wrapping paper, shirt boxes, holiday cards, cardboard products and other paper products may go in your curbside recycling container. Please flatten boxes to save space.

## District closes

The office of the Washington Unified School District office has closed through Friday, January 2, and will reopen on Monday, Jan. 5, at 7:30 a.m. In case of an emergency, call Pete Ramirez at (916) 997-1409.

## Quit smoking

The Yolo County Health Department is offering no-cost help for those who wish to quit smoking. You can attend any of the following meetings: Jan. 7 or 9 from 9-10 a.m. at the County Health Services Building, 500 Jefferson Blvd., Community Rooms 1 & 2 in West Sacramento; or Jan. 6 or 8 from 6-7 p.m. at the local library branch, 1212 Merkley Avenue. For more information, call 375-6380 ext. 4165.

## Toy 'library'

The City of West Sacramento's parks department is now offering a "toy library," providing toys for borrowing by families with children of all ages. Families can check out up to five items over a two-week period, including games, dolls, balls, musical instruments and science toys. Co-sponsored by the Yolo Child Care Services Resource and Referral. Annual family membership of $10 per family. Call 617-4620.

## Fireworks!

Sacramento and West Sacramento will be among the sponsors of a fireworks show on New Year's Eve, with one show beginning at 9 p.m. and the other at midnight. Recommended vantage points include West Sacramento's River Walk Park and the Old Sacramento boardwalk area. Listen to FM 96.9 for synchronized music. At the waterfront park in Old Sacramento, there will be a family-oriented variety show from 6 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., and following the first fireworks show there will be a performance by the "Parrotheads," a Jimmy Buffet tribute band, until midnight. For more information, call the Sacramento Convention and Visitors Bureau, (916) 264-7777.

## Food drive

The West Sacramento Republicans will collect canned food for area food closets during December. Donations will be accepted during precinct walks and at local collection sites, including Denny's, KOA campground, Homer's Florist, 15th Street Market, and Christ Bradford of Edward Jones Investments (1001 Jefferson Blvd., Suite 800). For information or home collection, call 375-0700.

## Coats wanted

Donations of new or gently-used coats and socks are needed to help needy children in the area. Call the Volunteer Connection, a "Hands Together Program," at (530) 661-6636 to find a donation location near you.

## Presents for pets

A "Presents for Pets" program will continue at the Yolo County Animal Services facility through Jan. 2. The animals at the shelter have blankets and food, but often lack stimulation and enrichment easily supplied by toys, treats, grooming and companionship. Such things can lower stress among animals and keep them "adoptable" longer. For information on donating your time or particular items, call (530) 668-5287.

## '55 Alive'

The AARP's "55 Alive" safe driving program for seniors will come to the West Sacramento Senior Center on Jan. 22-23 from noon to 4 p.m. Fee is $10. Space is limited. Call 373-5819 to reserve a spot.

## Food giveaway

The Food Bank of Yolo County will distribute food to eligible West Sacramento and Clarksburg residents on Dec. 27 at the county building on Jefferson Blvd., 8-9:30 a.m.; Community Lutheran Church, Drever & Jackson, 9-9:45 a.m.; Yolo Housing Authority, 685 Lighthouse Dr., 8:30-9:30 a.m.; and Clarksburg Firehouse from 10-11 a.m. Commodities may include apricots, asparagus, green beans, corn, cranberry sauce, rice, beans, beef stew and other items. Please bring a bag. For eligibility information, call (530) 758-6821.

## Suicide prevention

The Suicide Prevention Crisis Line is accepting applications for volunteer service on the crisis line. Training is provided. Call Jonathan at (916) 368-3118 for more information.

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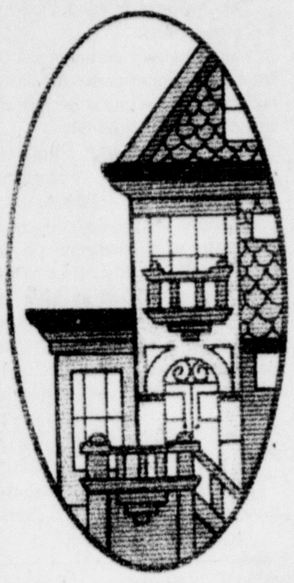

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# Cooking with Angels

## Church cookbook provides good recipes for a good cause

Over 120 delicious recipes have gone into the creation of *Cooking With Angels,* which has recently been published by West Sacramento's Trinity Presbyterian Church. The recipes come from church and community members and may be purchased by calling Robin Winkelman at 371-8873. You will not only be treating yourself with a tasty dish but you will also be helping to support after school programs for elementary age children.

Below are just two examples of the culinary treasures you will find in *Cooking With Angels:*

### Carol's tacos

*Carol (Ruiz) Smith has been a resident of West Sacramento since 1948 and is a former leader of such organizations as the River City Boosters Club and the Little Skipper Auxiliary.*

Have prepared in appropriate bowls at the table the following: cooked ground round, diced tomatoes, thin shredded lettuce, diced avocado, sliced olives, onion, mild cheddar and Monterey Jack cheese, and Parmesan cheese.

In hot oil in large frying pan, lay one corn tortilla. Lightly brown it. Turn it over and on one side place a slice of yellow cheese and a slice of white cheese. Fold over. Let cheese melt as tortilla browns. Move to one side of the frying pan and start your next flat tortilla. As you take out the finished tacos, get them to the table where other condiments are waiting. Each person assembles his or her own taco.

I seldom serve anything else with them, but one could have a bowl of hot Rosarita Refried Beans on the table, too.

### Robin's frozen cream fruit salad

*Robin Winkelman has been a resident of West Sacramento for over 59 years and enjoys senior citizen trips and activities. She has served as a deacon at Trinity Presbyterian Church and is the editor of the Cooking With Angels Cookbook.*

In a large bowl combine cream cheese, yogurt, mayonnaise, sugar, lemon juices and salt. Beat together until smooth. Fold in fruits until well distributed. Pour into 6-cup ring mold that has been rinsed in cold water. Cover and freeze at least 6 hours. Unmold onto serving dish about 1 hour before serving. Serves 12 to 16.

You will need the following ingredients: 1-8 oz soft cream cheese, 1-8 oz Pina Colada yogurt, 1/2 cup mayonnaise or Miracle Whip, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 T lemon juice, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1-11 oz can mandarin oranges (drained), 1-8 oz can crushed pineapple (drained), 1 8 3/4 oz can peaches (drained and cut into cubes, 1/2 cup chopped pecans, 1/4 cup chopped maraschino cherries, 1 banana (peeled and sliced), 1 cup green grapes (halved), 1 cup red grapes (halved).

## Answers to Sports Quiz (p. 3) & Puzzles (p. 8)

**Answers:**

1. It was 1941—Joe DiMaggio (122 runs), Red Rolfe (106), Tommy Henrich (106), Joe Gordon (104) and Charlie Keller (102).
2. John Mayberry in 1975-76.
3. Jim Plunkett of the New England Patriots in 1971.
4. It was 1973. Before that, the title game was played on a Saturday, and the semifinals on a Thursday or Friday.
5. True. The Blues lost in the finals in 1968 through 1970 and have not been back since.
6. It was 1983.
7. The Memorial Tournament in 1998.

**Rational Numbers**
*answers*

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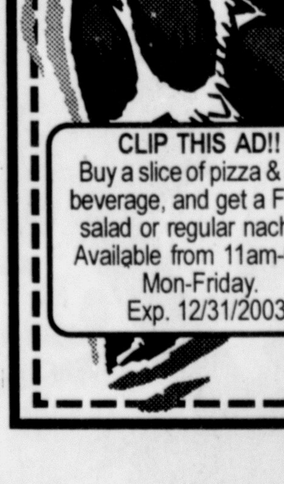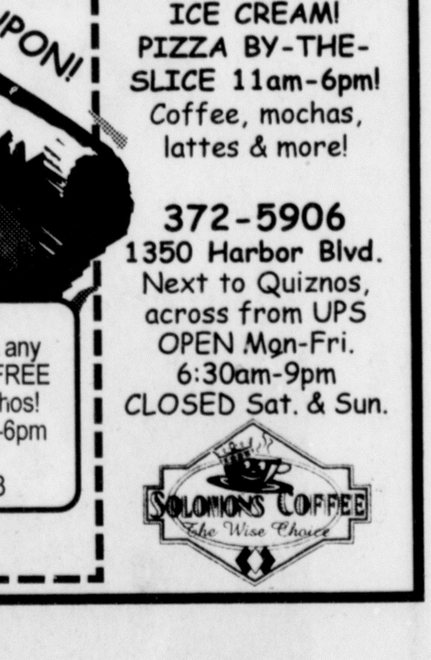
**Differences: 1. Lunchbox is different. 2. Flower is different. 3. Hat is different. 4. Wheelbarrow is a different shade. 5. Cap is missing. 6. Beam is missing.**